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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition of John W. Scibak and others that provision be made for full tuition waivers at state and community colleges for children of full-time public and charter school teachers. Higher Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

John W. Scibak  
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TUITION REMISSION BENEFITS TO CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the  
3 end thereof the following new section:—

4 Section 41. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
5 special law to the contrary, the Board of Higher Education shall  
6 provide full tuition waivers for any state-supported course toward  
7 an undergraduate degree program at each community college,  
8 state college and undergraduate campus of the University of  
9 Massachusetts for students who are not over the age of 24 and  
10 who are the children or adopted children of a teacher with a min-  
11 imum of 15 years of full-time teaching in a public or charter  
12 school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 2. An eligible child seeking tuition remission must  
2 apply for admission and meet all admission standards of the  
3 public college or university in the Commonwealth for which the  
4 child seeks tuition remission. The procedures for requesting the  
5 tuition waiver shall be governed by each campus, which will  
6 include the submission of documentation confirming that the

7 parent has the requisite full-time teaching experience to be eli-  
8 gible.

1     SECTION 3. Eligibility for this benefit will continue until an  
2 eligible child reaches the age of 25, and provided that the parent  
3 continues to be employed as a full-time teacher in a public or  
4 charter school in the Commonwealth. If the parent leaves  
5 employment as a full-time teacher while an eligible child is  
6 enrolled in a program of study, the child may complete the  
7 semester course(s) already begun without paying tuition. At the  
8 end of the semester, eligibility for the tuition waiver ceases.